

The act of preservation (conservation) to OBO's international culturally significant properties, our moveable, immovable and intangible heritage, is a vehicle to which the Department of State can effectively promote Cultural Diplomacy.

Preservation is Conservation and Conservation is Maintenance

"Preservation is simply having the good sense to hold on to things that are well designed, that link us with our past in a meaningful way, and that have plenty of good use left in them."

-- Richard (Dick) Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation

"If we don't care about our Past, we cannot hope for our future....I care desperately about saving old buildings." -- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

"There may have been a time when preservation was about saving an old building here or there, but those days are gone. Preservation is in the business of saving communities and the values they embody."

-- Richard (Dick) Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation

What a country chooses to save is what a country chooses to say about itself.